

## **Lynchburg Electoral Board Meeting**

**October 7, 2021**

**Meeting Held GLTC Conference Room  
800 Kemper Street**

### **Members present:**

David B. Neumeyer, Chair  
Carolyn Sherayko, Vice Chair,  
John W. Cobbs, Secretary

### **Others present:**

Christine Gibbons, General Registrar  
Kim Conner, Deputy Registrar  
Jeff Rosner, Lynchburg Democratic Party Authorized Representative  
Eric Harrison, Lynchburg Republican Party Chair  
Sarah Honosky, News and Advance  
Ward Dean

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Neumeyer at 4:09 p.m.

### **Approval of the minutes and agenda**

Approval of Electoral Board Minutes: September 9, 2021 and September 28, 2021 with amendments. Motion made by John Cobbs, Secretary. Seconded by Carolyn Sherayko, Vice Chair. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of October 7, 2021 Electoral Board Meeting Agenda as proposed. Motion made by John Cobbs, Secretary. Seconded by Carolyn Sherayko, Vice Chair. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Citizen Comments**

Eric Harrison brought up a concern of recent individuals from the Republican Party were told they missed the deadline for becoming an election official were called back to be told they were needed. If this is the case why can't the deadline be extended. Under §24.2-115 "If practicable, not more than one-third of the total number of officers appointed for each precinct may be citizens who do not represent any political party." Christine Gibbons, General Registrar indicated in the affirmative that we contacted interested election officials after the deadline as more than three individuals contacted our office who were previously interested and had to cancel attending the training. Training space is limited to two sessions with less than 15 people

due to COVID-19 social distancing therefore, the deadline cannot be extended for additional interested election officials.

### **Registrar's Report**

There were no updates from previous Registrar's Report

Training Dates for the upcoming election have been scheduled

- i. New Election Official Training-October 18 and October 20
- ii. Election Official Training-October 13 and October 19 via Zoom

In an advisory from the State Department of Elections it states that localities should plan on two Mandatory Pre-processing dates, October 26 and October 30

Authorized Representatives attending CAP must use the elevator on the outside of the building or the stairs to enter CAP precinct. No longer able to utilize the inner elevator door due to security compliance procedure.

Redistricting update: There is a meeting with city officials October 14 at 4:00 to have a preliminary discussion on redistricting.

There is a scheduled Electoral Board meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> will this meeting be canceled? The Electoral Board indicates that there will be no need to meet due to the election and canvass meetings that week.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business to discuss

### **New Business:**

The City Manager needed to cancel his attendance at the meeting. He rescheduled to attend an electoral board meeting on November 5 at 11:00.

The following are upcoming budgetary needs for the office. Christine, Gibbons, General Registrar was instructed to create a draft proposal highlighting the cost for each of the upcoming budgetary needs. The proposal will be presented to the City Manager ahead of submitting the budget for FY 23.

- a. New position for security and absentee coordinator position
- b. Update software for voting tabulation equipment
- c. Implement physical and cybersecurity recommendations from Homeland Security
- d. Implement Redistricting measures into VERIS
- e. New Polling location for Ward 1 Precinct 1

A List of Precinct Assignments was presented to the Electoral Board. Eric Harrison, Republican Chair requested clarification on the following: 1. What is the “?” next to election official names.

2. What is the definition of temporary next to election official names? A question mark next to an election official name is for the office to clarify if they are from a list of nominated names from either party. Temporary next to an election officials' names means they are temporary working at that precinct they usually work elections at a different precinct. Kim Conner, Deputy Registrar mentioned that several election official's names needed to be added or moved to one precinct due to a shortage. She further stated that additional changes could occur as election officials call out closer to the election. David Neumeyer, asked the electoral board members if they had any comments regarding the proposed List of Precinct Assignments for the Election Officials. The Electoral Board did not have any comments. Motion was made by John Cobbs, Secretary to approve the List of Precinct Assignments with amendments. Carolyn Sherakyo, Vice-Chair seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

The following are Provisional Meeting and Canvass Dates for the November 2, 2021 Election:

- a. November 3 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- b. November 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- c. November 8 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Other business:**

There being no further business, Mr. Neumeyer adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

**Next meeting Date:** December 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Cobbs, Secretary  
Electoral Board  
City of Lynchburg